

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2009, Applicants cancelled claims 21-25, 34, 35 and 50-55. Applicants also amended claim 40, and added new claims 56-78.

Applicants present claims 40-49 and 56-78 for examination.

Applicants request withdrawal of the rejections of claims 21-25, 34, 35 and 50-55 in view of the cancellation of these claims.

The Examiner rejected claims 40-49 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Moffatt '257 and/or under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moffatt '257 in view of: Moffatt '932; Fuchs; Moffatt '932 and further in view of WO 99/31157. However, Moffatt '257, taken alone or in combination with the other references relied upon by the Examiner, does not disclose or render obvious the methods covered by claims 40-49, as amended, which require reacting a pigment having attached a first chemical group with a second chemical group to form a pigment having attached a third chemical group; and reacting the pigment having attached the third chemical group with an acylating agent, where the acylating agent is selected from a carboxylic acid, a derivative of a carboxylic acid and an anhydride of a carboxylic acid. In view of the foregoing, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 40-49.

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Respectfully submitted,

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